

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Eichen et al.

Application No.: 09/674,090

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For: DETECTION OF A BIOLOGICAL
MOIETY IN A SAMPLE

Group: 1637

Examiner: Suchira Pande

Our File: RCP-PT009

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This reply responds to the Final Office Action dated April 30, 2009. This reply is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination and, if required, a petition for extension of time.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: